MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Is the member aware that a resolution was passed in this House in Karkatakam 1108 to the effect that good drinking water is not available in Chirayinkil taluk and Government must find a means to remedy that?

MR. G. B. E TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Yes.

MR. K PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know from the member whether with reference to that resolution any action was taken by Government apart from sinking of tube wells?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I do not know what action has been taken by Government.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know from the member whether the Chief Engineer has received any petition during recent times from any other place to the effect that there is scarcity of drinking water in those places?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Yes. I have received petitions to that effect.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know from the member whether he will consider that petition?

MR. G. B. E.TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Yes. I shall consider it. Sir, I would like to make a statement regarding tube wells. Two tube wells were sunk one at Kayikkara and the other at Kavilvattom expecting to find good drinking water. On sinking to a depth of 81 feet, the water was found to be saltish. Further sinking is in progress.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know from the member whether he has received any petition for tube wells being sunk from Kadakkavur?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I can't answer that question without referring to the files.

*Adoor Vernacular Middle School for Girls.*

104. *MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Director of Public Instruction received any petitions or complaints regarding the misconduct of the Headmistress of the V. M. G. School at Adoor, towards the girl students of Class VII:

(*b*) what action has been taken thereon:

(*c*) whether a Muslim girl student of Class VII of the school was suspended on a false case being trumped up against her by the Headmistress of the school:

(*d*) whether the Director has received petitions from the parents of the students to the effect that the frequent transfer of the staff of the said school has seriously affected the progress of the class work and promotion of the students, especially those of Class VII:

(*e*) whether the Chief Inspectress of the State has received any letter from the Headmistress regarding the suspension of one Halima Bibi, student, Class VII of the V. M. G. School at Adoor;

(*f*) for what reasons the punishment was given;

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(*g*) how many transfers there were in the said school during the last five years; and

(*h*) what factors determine the transfer of the staff of a school?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) An enquiry was made.

(*c*) A Mahomedan girl was suspended for four days, because she refused to apologise to the Headmistress after she had spoken insolently to the Headmistress.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) The member is referred to the answer to part (*c*).

(*g*) Ten changes were effected.

(*h*) In the case of this school, four transfers were effected by promotions, one by admission to a training course and five at the request of teachers. These are normal reasons for transfers.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): With reference to answer to (*b*) may I know the nature of the enquiry made?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): An enquiry in the usual way was made by the Assistant Inspectress on the spot. A report was submitted to me by the Inspectress.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Has the Director made any personal enquiry?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): No.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): May I know from Government whether the Director has ever inspected that school?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): No.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): May I know from the member whether there was any allegation in the petition to the effect that the report of the Headmistress was false?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): I think there was some such allegation.

The allegation with reference to ill-treatment of the girl by the Headmistress appears to be incorrect.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): May I know from the member whether any statement from the parent of the girl was taken?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): I can't say that.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): With regard to the transfer of teachers at their request, out of the five, who were transferred, how many were transferred in the middle of the school year?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): I cannot exactly mention the number off-hand. Transfers do sometimes take place in the middle of the school year.

*Trivandrum-Kattakada and Nalukettu-Tirupuram Roads.*

105. * MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): Are the Government aware that the neglected condition in which the Trivandrum—



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